--- 1/2 Pound - “Series of 1915” - 315 x 20 mm. - scanned at 50% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 315 x 20 mm. black, one-half pound “Series of 1915” strip as follows:

RP-789 – 1/2 pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. violet control numbers***
RP-790 – 1/2 pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

--- RP-789 - *coarse roulette* - *4½ mm. violet controls* - on *vertical mesh* wove ---

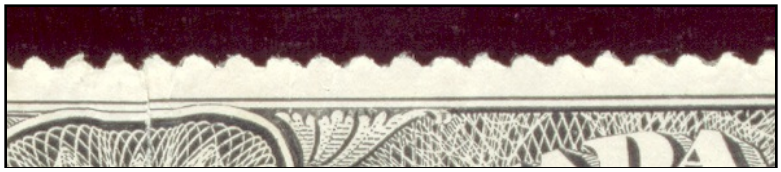
The collection contains *dated* copies of the *coarse roulette* 1/2 pound “Series of 1915” with ***violet controls***, used by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, in 1918 and 1920.

Once again the ***purple control*** numbered strips recess printed at an earlier date on *vertical mesh* wove are shorter by 7 mm. as compared to the ***blue control*** numbered strips printed later on wove paper with an indistinct *horizontal mesh*. The earlier *vertical mesh* copies were probably printed by *hand press*.

RP-789 - 1/2 pound, on *vertical mesh* wove, *coarse roulette*, control **0000000**, with seven zeroes in each panel

RP-789 - 1/2 pound, on *vertical mesh* wove, *coarse roulette*, control **6586446**,
Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 12 - 1918 / 6 - 17 by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, in December 1918

0000000★	1915	RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, seven purple zeroes in each panel - by ABN
0220838		RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable cancellation
5011965★		RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, rollered TOBACCO / **9-17**
6586446★	12/18	RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, rollered TOBACCO / 12 -1918 / 6 - 17
6902177★		RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, roller readable as TOBACCO / 6 - 17
9035047		RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable violet roller cancel
1-**1595723**★	04/20	RP-789	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, rollered 6-17 / TOBACCO / 4 1920



RP-789 - 1/2 pound, on *vertical mesh* wove, *coarse roulette*, control **6586446** - the top *zigzag doubled roulette*

This is an odd separation. It seems to have two closely-spaced rouletted lines at the point of separation, since flat areas occur both at the loops and at the nodes of separation. Perhaps the *zigzag* appearance of the final result is simply due to the grain of the paper giving a diagonal tear, or from the action of tearing the strip from the sheet. I doubt that it was rouletted on the diagonal.

Did the control sequence pass from the ***violet controls*** to the ***blue controls*** without re-setting to **0000001**?

I feel (without any actual documentation) that the strips control numbered with seven purple zeroes **0000000** in both panels were the initial SP strips issued by ABN when the “Series of 1915” was introduced, and the strips stamped ***Sample*** were issued when ABN became CBN in 1923. The control numbering found on the ***Sample*** strips gives an actual indication of the latter supposition.

--- RP-790 - *coarse roulette* - *4½ mm. blue controls* - on an indistinct *horizontal mesh* wove ---

RP-790 - 1/2 pound, on *horizontal mesh* wove, *coarse roulette*, control **2029012**
Roller cancelled **10 - D** by the Montreal Excise Office

RP-790 - 1/2 pound, on *horizontal mesh* wove, *coarse roulette*, control **7670204**
Stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel - from CBN in 1923

1286398★		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, roller cancelled **1 - 18 - E**
1518671★		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, used but uncancelled
2029012★		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-D** by the Montreal Excise Office
3701943		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-13-D** on a rectangular can of **Senator - Cut Plug Smoking Tobacco**
4683031★	10/22	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **6-10-D / TOBACCO / 10, 1922** on a can of **Rex Mixture - Smoking Tobacco - *in the box collection***
5173684		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, roller cancelled **18 - 10 – D** – clipped at both ends
7603051★		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, roller cancelled **18 - 10 - D**
7670204★	1923	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel
7703553	04/23	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **6-10-D / TOBACCO / 4 1923**
8075513		RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, roller cancelled **18 - 10 - D**
1-**6015942**	05/26	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **6-10-D / TOBACCO / 5, 1926**
2-**5486437**	09/27	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **6-10-D / TOBACCO / 9, 1927**
3-**0275360**★	01/35	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **15 / 1-18-E** by Tuckett Tobacco
3-**0308351**	01/35	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **15 / 1-18-E** by Tuckett Tobacco
3-**2875639**	05/34	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **1-23-D / BB4**
3-**3322338**	06/35	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **65 / 1-18-E** by Tuckett Tobacco
3-**3345533**★	06/35	RP-790	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, coded **65 / 1-18-E** by Tuckett Tobacco

The undated roller cancellation will actually fit into the preceding dated cancellations at some unknown position.

--- the 1/2 Pound Tobacco, Rolls and the Plates for the "Series of 1915" ---

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, Ottawa) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN "Series of 1915" one-half pound rolls No. XG-542 and XG-544 for the 315 x 20 mm. strip. In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 21, 22, 29, 30 and 31 for the one-half pound "Series of 1915" tobacco strip. The plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint to be recycled.

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN die "F-5" for the 315 x 20 mm. one-half pound "Series of 1915" tobacco strip. The defaced rolls and dies were delivered to the "Hull Iron and Steel Works" as scrap metal. The information in these paragraphs is taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan. Chris feels that the same die numbering was used for the "Series of 1897" and for the "Series of 1915".

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